

and responsible positions. We love our soldier boys and beg you to not unnecessarily lead them in the way of temptation. By removing such temptation you will receive the gratitude of every mother in this nation and the respect and esteem of the Brethren church.

8. That as we separate to go to our respective homes, we lift our hearts in grateful praise to the God we serve, for the bountiful harvest and the many blessings and tender care Jesus our shepherd has exercised over us the past year.

The thanks of conference were especially extended to Sister Sprinkle for her efficient work as organist.

The executive committee made the following report which was adopted:

J. M. TOMBAUGH, Pres.

GEO. W. RENCH, Sec.

It was moved and carried that we suggest to the conference that we have our next conference in 1899, the time and place to be arranged by the executive committee.

An invitation to return to Winona Park without expense was made by Dr. Dickey.

Adjourned at 11:30 A. M.

Going to Church

Forward.

Many months ago an incident was told in our columns which brings more than one lesson with it. It was the story of a young man who came from the country to the city to make his way in the world. He had to eke out a living on a very slender salary which quite forbade luxuries. He had no friends and no letters of introduction, nor had he knack of manner which stands one instead of almost everything else. He was simply a poor, shy, solitary, gawky country youth.

Promptly upon getting into his new surroundings he found out a church, and punctually he appeared there Sunday by Sunday. Near him sat a distinguished general and statesman and his wife. One morning after church the lady whispered to her husband, "Invite that young man home to dinner, dear." Like most great men and all good soldiers, he knew how to obey promptly, so he approached the friendless young man and courteously gave the invitation.

Though much surprised at the honor, the latter at once accepted, and when his shyness wore off, showed his entertainers that he could talk well and intelligently. To be brief—and this incident is true—the general engaged the youth as his private secretary, and he became an inmate of the grand house, where he was treated almost like a son.

Months later he ventured to ask the lady why he was invited to dinner, and she answered: "Because you were in your place every Sunday, and showed reverence to God. I grew to observe you closely, and soon decided you were alone and poor, but a neat, self-respecting, and intelligent young man. I longed to give you a taste of home, and, perhaps a little motherly help, and I am sure we shall neither of us regret that you

awakened the impulse and I indulged it."

We like to here a story like this; we are glad that it is true; we are sorry that such things do not happen oftener.

But better things happen. There are thousands of stories, written down in a Book which we shall one day read, whose truth thrills the blood and warms the heart infinitely more. They are the stories of young men and young women who, loyal to childish training, have gone to church week in and week out until a time came when the King of Kings came to them with an invitation to the marriage supper of the Lamb, and the invitation was accepted. Henceforth they were the King's own children and heirs of God.

Perhaps some of us are tired of being urged to go to church. We think much is made of church going. We think that going to church will not save us. We think that, when we are once roused to our soul's need, then we will begin to go to church. We say that there have been men who hardly missed a Sunday at meeting for fifty years, and yet they were not Christians when they died.

Yes, there have been such men. Have we ever tried to count how many men have lived who neglected church for fifty years, and were not Christians when they died?

Let us give ourselves a chance and put ourselves in position to receive the blessed invitation. Let us act upon the reason which prompted Zaccheus the publican, and go to church because we know that Jesus Christ is "to pass that way."

Read! Mark! Learn!

Exchange.

A skeptical man sat down to read the Bible one hour every evening. After a while he said to his wife:

"If this Book is right, we are wrong."

A few evenings later he said, "Wife, if this Book is right, we are lost." A few evenings later he said, "if this Book is right, we may be saved." And they were.

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I cannot always see the way that leads
To heights above;
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With hand of love;
But yet I know the path must lead me to
Immanuel's land,
And when I reach life's summit I shall know
And understand.
I cannot always trace the onward course
My ship must take;
But looking backward, I behold afar,
Its shining wake
Illumined with God's light of love, and so
I onward go,
In perfect trust that He who holds the helm
The course must know.
I cannot always see the plan on which
He builds my life;
For oft the sound of hammers, blow on blow,
The noise of strife,
Confuse me till I quite forget He knows
And oversees,
And that in all details, with His good plan
My life agrees.
I cannot always know and understand
The Master's rule;
I cannot always do the tasks He gives
In life's hard school;
But I am learning with His help to solve
Them, one by one,
And when I cannot understand to say,
"Thy will be done."

—The Advance.

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